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CARLSBAD SEES 15% DECREASE IN CRIME IN 2009

Crime in Carlsbad decreased 15% in 2009 compared to the previous year. The total number of FBI index crimes decreased from 2,584 in 2008 to 2,195 in 2009, the lowest index crime figure since 2001. The index crime rate for 2009, 21.0, is the lowest crime rate in more than two decades.

Violent Crimes: The violent crimes category includes homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. The number of violent crimes overall increased by 61 in 2009. However, at 287 total violent crimes, this number is comparatively small. The violent crime rate of 2.7 is slightly higher than the 2008 rate of 2.2. Most of the increase in violent crimes was due to an increase in the number of aggravated assaults including domestic violence and general battery.

Property Crimes: The property crimes category includes burglary, larceny/theft, and motor vehicle theft. Property crimes decreased from 2,358 in 2008 to 1,908 in 2009, a 19% decrease. Most notable was the decrease in larceny, down 20%, and the decrease in the number of stolen vehicles, down 29% from the previous year. Stolen vehicle figures are the lowest on record since 1983.

"Following regional trends, Carlsbad's crime has continued to decrease despite the difficult economic times. With an increase in domestic violence, we want to remind residents of the numerous resources in the community for families in crisis," said Police Chief Tom Zoll.

"The overall decrease in crime is good news for Carlsbad. Residents should feel very safe living in our community. Residents should continue to take precautions to reduce the chance of being a victim of crime. Working together, we can maintain the safe quality of life citizens of Carlsbad have enjoyed for many years."



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2009 FBI INDEX CRIMES

| CLASSIFICATION | 2009 | 2008 | % CHANGE |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| HOMICIDE | 5 | 2 | * |
| RAPE | 26 | 24 | 8% |
| ROBBERY | 53 | 50 | 6% |
| AGGRAVATED ASSAULT | 203 | 150 | 35% |
| <i>Violent Crime</i> | <i>287</i> | <i>226</i> | <i>27%</i> |
| RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY | 248 | 272 | -9% |
| COMMERCIAL BURGLARY | 198 | 235 | -16% |
| LARCENY/THEFT | 1,327 | 1,662 | -20% |
| STOLEN VEHICLE | 135 | 189 | -29% |
| <i>Property Crime</i> | <i>1,908</i> | <i>2,358</i> | <i>-19%</i> |
| FBI INDEX CRIME TOTAL | 2,195 | 2,584 | -15% |

* Percent not presented due to small number of incidents reported.

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